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Judiciary Committee Oversight Letter to Attorney General Gonzales Requests Extensive Information About NSA Terrorist Surveillance Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.) today sent a Judiciary Committee oversight letter to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales requesting extensive answers about the National Security Agency's (NSA) terrorist surveillance program. The 14-page oversight letter requests that the Attorney General respond to the 51 questions by March 2nd.

Chairman Sensenbrenner stated, "Questions have been raised about the President's authority to establish the NSA's terrorist surveillance program, which was created to protect Americans against a dangerous enemy intent upon using any means possible to destroy Americans and the freedoms we cherish. Fulfillment of Congress's oversight responsibility about this program no doubt will involve highly classified information that cannot be publicly released without harming national security. Nonetheless, I'm confident the unclassified responses to these questions will both assist the Committee's oversight efforts and better inform the people that the program is designed to protect."

Chairman Sensenbrenner's letter is available at
<http://judiciary.house.gov/media/pdfs/DOJNSA.pdf>.

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